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The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) This story tells itself. Judas's betrayal will affect the children because it was so wrong and greedy. Note that the Lord was arrested, not in the Temple, where people often loved Him, but in a deserted place.
- b) In another story it is said that the Lord put His hand over the ear of the High Priest's servant, which had been cut off, and it was restored. But still they arrested Him.
- c) Note how hard people tried to find an excuse to kill the Lord but couldn't. And note how so many of them had been stirred up to kill Him—perhaps many of those who had greeted Him as their king on Palm Sunday.



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The Lord Lets the People Take Him Prisoner

And when they had sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And they came to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to His disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray.” And He took with Him Peter, James and John. And He said to them, “My soul is sad to death. You stay here and keep watch.”

And going forward a little, Jesus fell upon the earth and prayed that if it were possible the hour might pass from Him. Then He went back to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Do you not have the strength to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray.” And again, going away, Jesus prayed. And when He returned, He found them again sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And they knew not what to say to Jesus. And He came a third time and said to them, “Do you sleep still? The time has come when I am betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let us go. Look, he who betrays Me is near to us.” And straight away, while Jesus was speaking, Judas, one of His twelve disciples, came. With him was a crowd of people with swords and wooden rods. And Judas had given the people a signal saying, “Whoever I shall kiss is He. Take hold of Him and lead Him away securely.”

And coming straight away he approached Jesus, and he said, “Rabbi! Rabbi!” and kissed Him. Then the crowd put their hands on Jesus. But one of the disciples who stood by pulled out a sword and struck a servant of the chief priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, “Are you come out against Me as if I were a robber with swords and wooden rods to take Me? I was with you everyday in the temple teaching, and you did not take hold of Me.”

And they led Jesus away to the high priest. With him were all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. And the chief priests looked for witnesses against Jesus so they could put Him to death, but they found none. Many told lies about Him, but they did not agree. Then the high priest, standing up in the middle of the crowd, asked Jesus saying, “Do You not answer against what these people are saying about You?” But Jesus was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said to Him, “Are You Christ?” Then Jesus said, “I am.” And the high priest tore his clothes saying, “You have all heard what He has said. What do you think?” And they all condemned Him to death.

Mark 14

